

173RD INFANTRY BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM (AIRBORNE)

***SKY SOLDIERS!***

**STANDARDS**



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MEMORANDUM FOR: 173<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne)

SUBJECT: Sky Soldiers Standards Book

**1. PURPOSE:** The purpose of this publication is to inform the 173<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne) Sky Soldiers of basic standards of appearance, conduct, military courtesy, and general military knowledge. The standards presented in this handbook prescribe the level of discipline expected of each Paratrooper while serving in the 173<sup>rd</sup> IBCT (A). Good organizations diligently enforce standards and discipline. To remain current and relevant, these standards are reviewed annually and updated as required. Our goal is to maintain and enforce these standards and strive for the highest level of discipline. In meeting this goal the, 173<sup>rd</sup> IBCT (A) remains a highly disciplined and well respected unit entrusted with the Nation's most challenging missions. SKY SOLDIERS!

**2. RESPONSIBILITIES:** All Officers, Noncommissioned Officers, and Paratroopers are responsible for presenting a neat, professional, and military appearance at all times, both on and off duty. It is the individual Paratrooper's responsibility to adhere to Army regulations and make on-the-spot corrections as required in a professional manner. All Paratroopers are expected to adhere to the standards set forth in this Brigade's Standards Book. Every Paratrooper will have a SKY SOLDIER Standards Book.

**3. GENERAL:** Sky Soldiers will project a professional military image at all times. There will be no doubt that we are bound by a common standard and that we are responsible for military order and discipline within our ranks.

**4. 173<sup>rd</sup> IBCT (A) MISSION STATEMENT:** 173<sup>rd</sup> IBCT (A) deploys within 18 hours of notification to conduct operations, to include joint forcible entry, as a Contingency Response Force (CRF) in order to promote security and peaceful development in the EUCOM, AFRICOM, and CENTCOM AORs.

**5. VISION:** Sky Soldiers are an empowered team of aggressive, innovative, and thinking Paratroopers; masters of basic skills, confident in their formation, possessing discipline inspired by commitment to a greater purpose and belief in one another. Sky Soldiers are standard bearers for the Profession of Arms; mentally and physically ready to attack any challenge ~~of~~ opportunity tonight.

# **A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE 173<sup>rd</sup> INFANTRY BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM (AIRBORNE)**

The 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade was constituted in 1917 as an Infantry Brigade and deployed to France in 1918 as part of the 87th Division. Returning to the United States the Brigade was demobilized in 1919.

Re-designated as the 87th Reconnaissance Troop, it fought in three European campaigns. Although not part of the Brigade in World War II, the history of the 503<sup>rd</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment is significant to the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade Combat Team, comprising half of its current fighting strength. The 503<sup>rd</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment was formed in 1941 at Ft Bragg. The unit jumped into New Guinea in September 1943 as part of the first successful combat parachute assault in the Pacific Theater. On 16 February 1945, they jumped onto Corregidor Island where they earned the Presidential Unit Citation.

The 173<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Brigade was activated in Okinawa in 1963 as the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade (Sep). The unit earned the nickname "Tien Bien" or "Sky Soldiers," from the Nationalist Chinese Paratroopers.

In 1965, the Brigade became the first major unit of the United States Army to serve in Vietnam. They conducted the only combat parachute assault of the war in February 1967. During more than six years of continuous combat, the Brigade earned 14 campaign streamers and four unit citations. Sky Soldiers serving in Vietnam earned 13 Medals of Honor. The Brigade was deactivated in 1972.

Reactivated in June 2000, the Brigade conducted numerous deployments across Europe. On 26 March 2003, the 173<sup>rd</sup> added to its distinguished history when nearly 1,000 Sky Soldiers parachuted into Iraq in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM I. During the operation, one Sky Soldier was awarded the Silver Star.

In 2005, the 173<sup>rd</sup> deployed to Afghanistan along the contentious Pakistan border in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM VI. Five Sky Soldiers were awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in battle.

Upon returning to Italy in 2006, the Brigade transformed into the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade Combat Team. In the spring of 2007, the 173<sup>rd</sup> ABCT executed an extended deployment to eastern Afghanistan in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM VIII where Paratroopers exhibited incredible bravery earning three Medal of Honor, one Distinguished Service Cross, and 32 Silver Stars.

In 2009, the Brigade returned to Afghanistan for a third time in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM X continuing its proud tradition of selfless service while executing a difficult build mission south of Kabul.

In 2012, the Brigade deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM XIII returning to Logar and Wardak Provinces where they executed the difficult task of reducing the footprint of the Brigade while continuing to train their Afghan counterparts.

Upon returning to Italy in 2013, the Brigade was re-designated as the 173<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne). Today, Sky Soldiers continue the distinction of honored service dating back to World War I and proudly represent the Airborne fighting spirit wherever they serve. Most recently the Brigade has been called to support Operation ATLANTIC RESOLVE to deter Russian aggression; one of our Nation's highest priorities.



**HEADQUARTERS  
173d AIRBORNE BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM  
(SKY SOLDIERS)**

Constituted 5 August 1917 in the National Army as Headquarters, 173d Infantry Brigade, and assigned to the 87th Division

Organized 25 August 1917 at Camp Pike, Arkansas

Demobilized in January 1919 at Camp Dix, New Jersey

Reconstituted 24 June 1921 in the Organized Reserves as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173d Infantry Brigade, and assigned to the 87th Division

- Organized in December 1921 at Mobile, Alabama
- Redesignated 23 March 1925 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173d Brigade
- Redesignated 24 August 1936 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173d Infantry Brigade

Converted, reorganized, and redesignated 13 February 1942 as the 87th Reconnaissance Troop (less 3d Platoon), 87th Division (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 174th Infantry Brigade, concurrently converted and redesignated as the 3d Platoon, 87th Reconnaissance Troop, 87th Division)

Troop ordered into active military service 15 December 1942 and reorganized at Camp McCain, Mississippi; concurrently redesignated as the 87th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, an element of the 87th Infantry Division

Reorganized and redesignated 2 August 1943 as the 87th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized  
Inactivated 21 September 1945 at Fort Benning, Georgia

- Redesignated 28 April 1947 as the 87th Mechanized Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop
- Activated 12 May 1947 at Birmingham, Alabama

(Organized Reserves redesignated 25 March 1948 as the Organized Reserve Corps; redesignated 9 July 1952 as the Army Reserve)

- Reorganized and redesignated 18 May 1949 as the 87th Reconnaissance Company
- Inactivated 1 December 1951 at Birmingham, Alabama

Converted and redesignated (less 3d Platoon) 26 March 1963 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173d Airborne Brigade, and relieved from assignment to the 87th Infantry Division; concurrently withdrawn from the Army Reserve, allotted to the Regular Army, and activated on Okinawa (3d Platoon, 87th Reconnaissance Company – hereafter separate lineage)

- Inactivated 14 January 1972 at Fort Campbell, Kentucky
- Activated 16 October 2000 in Italy

Headquarters, 173d Airborne Brigade, reorganized and redesignated 16 September 2006 as Headquarters, 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team (Headquarters Company, 173d Airborne Brigade - hereafter separate lineage)

**HEADQUARTERS  
173d AIRBORNE BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM  
(SKY SOLDIERS)**

**Campaign Participation Credit**

**World War I**

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**World War II**

*Rhineland  
Ardennes-Alsace  
Central Europe*

**Vietnam**

*Defense  
Counteroffensive  
Counteroffensive, Phase II  
Counteroffensive, Phase III  
Tet Counteroffensive  
Counteroffensive, Phase IV  
Counteroffensive, Phase V  
Counteroffensive, Phase VI  
Tet 69/Counteroffensive  
Summer-Fall 1969  
Winter-Spring 1970  
Sanctuary Counteroffensive  
Counteroffensive, Phase VII  
Consolidation I*

**War on Terrorism**

**Afghanistan**

*Consolidation I  
Consolidation II  
Consolidation III  
Transition I*

**Iraq**

*Liberation of Iraq (with arrowhead)  
Transition of Iraq*

**Decorations**

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), *Streamer embroidered DAK TO*

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), *Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1965-1967*

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), *Streamer embroidered IRAQ 2003*

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), *Streamer embroidered AFGHANISTAN 2009-2010*

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, *Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1965-1970*

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, *Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969-1971*<sub>4</sub>

# COMBAT SERVICE IDENTIFICATION BADGE (CSIB)

**Description:** On a blue silhouetted right cylinder three inches (7.62 cm) in height and two inches (5.08 cm) in width overall within a 1/8 inch (.32 cm) white border a vertical white wing in flight, the ulna (lower end) extended and hooked around a red bayonet. Attached above the insignia is a blue tab inscribed "AIRBORNE" in white.

**Symbolism:** The bayonet is used to refer to the brigade being borne by the wing alludes to the brigade's airborne status. Red, white, and blue are the national colors.

**Background:** The subdued shoulder sleeve insignia was originally approved on 13 May 1963. It was amended to correct the dimensions on 29 July 1963. The insignia was amended to include the tab and update the description on 26 April 2000. It was re-designated for the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade Combat Team on 11 October 2006.



## DISTINCTIVE UNIT INSIGNIA

The distinctive unit insignia is a silver color metal and enamel device 1 1/4 inches (3.18 cm) in height overall consisting of a semi-circle divided into three sections each with concave base, the outer two sections silver and the center section of red, a vertical silver unsheathed sword point to base, the hilt resting on the red section of the semi-circle the lower edge of the guard coinciding with the concave base and the ends conjoined with the silver sections the blade between two lightning flashes points to base the points converging toward the point of the blade the flashes parallel to and enclosed by two narrow inclined silver lines starting at the diameter periphery of the semi-circle and meeting beneath the point of the sword, the area so enclosed of blue all above a stylized motto scroll, the ends representing wings and terminating at the base of the semi-circle, bearing the inscription "SKY SOLDIERS" in blue letters; the areas between the narrow silver lines and motto scroll recessed and of silver.

**Symbolism:** The simulated parachute and stylized wings refer to the airborne mission of the Brigade. The unsheathed sword, point to base (implying from sky to ground) and the hilt against the red section of the parachute canopy, alludes to the combat assault jump made by the Brigade in February 1967, the first such jump made by any unit in Vietnam indicated by the "V" formed by the two lightning flashes on the V-shaped silver edged blue area. The single sword also refers to the other Brigade's "firsts" such as first American ground unit in Vietnam, first in War Zones C and D and first in the Iron Triangle. The lightning flashes are also symbolic of the Brigade's striking power and surprise and rapidity of movement. The numerical designation of the Brigade can be readily simulated by various combinations of the design elements, i.e., the sword indicating one (1), the sum of the wings, the two lightning flashes and the three sections of the parachute canopy being seven (7) and the latter by itself also being used for three (3).

**Background:** The distinctive unit insignia was originally approved for the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade on 10 August 1967. The insignia was re-designated for the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade Combat Team with the description updated on 11 October 2006.





## WEAR AND APPEARANCE OF THE UNIFORM

You represent the US Army and the 173<sup>rd</sup> IBCT (A). Your uniform will be worn IAW AR 670-1 dated Rapid Action Revision 10 April 2015.

All personnel will maintain a high standard of dress and appearance. Uniforms will fit properly; trousers, pants, or skirts should not fit tightly; and personnel must keep uniforms clean and serviceable. Paratroopers will ensure that articles carried in pockets do not protrude from the pocket or present a bulky appearance.

Male Paratroopers are not authorized to wear any type of earring when in uniform or when wearing civilian clothing while on or off military installations. Body piercing such as the wearing of an earring, tongue or nose stud is not authorized IAW AR 670-1.

### 1. ARMY COMBAT UNIFORM

Uniformity is key and essential to discipline; all Paratroopers will be in the same uniform. IAW EUCOM and USAREUR Directives, to include USAREUR TASKORD #15-011, military uniforms may not be worn off post, unless traveling in an enclosed car directly to and from work with no stops in-between. The standard ACU uniform will be worn IAW AR 670-1.

(a) When in Garrison, the ACU uniform will consist of a serviceable maroon beret (not faded or dirty) with the applicable unit flash sewn on (serviceable and clean), a non-subdued American Flag patch on the right shoulder, subdued parachutist badge, any special skills badges that are authorized for the individual Paratrooper. Special skills badges may be sewn as long as NAME, US ARMY tapes, and rank are sewn. Junior Enlisted are required at a minimum to wear the Parachutist Badge. NCOs will have all authorized special skill badges on. Paratroopers will wear authorized “**clean**” tan or brown boots. Army-issued or Army-authorized boots that are personally purchased may be worn. Authorizations for all foot wear are governed by AR 670-1 Rapid Action Revision (RAR) 11 MAY 2012. Sleeves will be rolled at the commander's discretion. When in patrol cap, or in the BFU, sleeves will not be rolled.

(b) The Patrol Cap is only authorized in the motor pool during Garrison operations at the commander's discretion. The patrol cap is only authorized inside the motor pool during normal operations, not for movements between the barracks/company command posts and the motor pool. While moving between those areas, Paratroopers will wear berets. The patrol cap will have rank and name. Junior Enlisted may have pin on rank, NCOs and Officers will have their rank sewn on. **Of note the patrol cap can be worn while conducting training in the local area and work details.**

(c) Identification tags are worn around the neck beneath the T-shirt, one on a long chain and the other on a short chain IAW AR 670-1. Identification bracelets are limited to medical alert bracelets and MIA/POW identification bracelets. Paratroopers may wear only one item of each. Paratroopers are NOT AUTHORIZED to wear bracelets that indicate “Live Strong”, “Breast Cancer”, 550 cord, or any other type of bracelet.

(d) While deployed or conducting field training, Paratroopers will wear their shoulder sleeve insignia, rank, name tapes, U.S. Army tapes, and non-subdued Flag (subdued Flag for combat deployments)(Non-subdued Flag will only be worn when conducting training with Allied Nations).

## WEAR AND APPEARANCE OF THE UNIFORM

**A. Male:** Male haircuts will conform to AR 670-1 standards. The length and bulk of the hair may not be excessive or present a ragged, unkempt, or extreme appearance. The hair must present a tapered appearance. The block-cut fullness in the back is permitted to a moderate degree, as long as the tapered look is maintained. In all cases, the bulk or length of hair may not interfere with the normal wear of headgear or protective masks or equipment. Males will keep sideburns neatly trimmed. Sideburns may not be flared; the base of the sideburn will be a clean shaven in a horizontal line. Sideburns will not extend below the lowest part of the exterior ear opening. Males will keep their face clean-shaven at all times on military installations on and off duty and when on leave. Mustaches are permitted IAW AR 670-1 standards. If appropriate medical authority prescribes beard growth, the length required for medical treatment must be specified. The length of the beard will not exceed 1/4 inch. Paratroopers are not authorized to shape the growth into goatees, "Fu Manchus", or handlebar mustaches.

**B. Female:** Females' hair will be IAW AR 670-1 standards. Females will ensure their hair is neatly groomed that the length and bulk of the hair are not excessive, and that the hair does not present a ragged, unkempt, or extreme appearance. Trendy styles that result in shaved portions of the scalp (other than the neckline) or designs cut into the hair are prohibited. Females may wear braids and cornrows as long as the braided style is conservative, the braids and cornrows lie snugly on the head, and any hair holding devices comply with the standards. Dreadlocks (unkempt, twisted, matted individual parts of hair) are prohibited in uniform or in civilian clothes on duty. Hair will not fall over the eyebrows or extend below the bottom edge of the collar at any time during normal activity or when standing in formation. Long hair that falls naturally below the bottom edge of the collar, to include braids, will be neatly and inconspicuously fastened or pinned, so no free-hanging hair is visible.

Styles that are lopsided or distinctly unbalanced are prohibited. Ponytails, pigtails, or braids that are not secured to the head (allowing hair to hang freely), widely spaced individual hanging locks, and other extreme styles that protrude from the head are prohibited. Extensions, weaves, wigs, and hairpieces are authorized; however, these additions must have the same general appearance as the individual's natural hair. Additionally, any wigs, extensions, hairpieces, or weaves must comply with the grooming policies set forth in this paragraph.

Females will ensure that hairstyles do not interfere with proper wear of military headgear and protective masks or equipment at any time. When headgear is worn, the hair will not extend below the bottom edge of the front of the headgear, nor will it extend below the bottom edge of the collar. Hair-holding devices are authorized only for the purpose of securing the hair. Soldiers will not place hair holding devices in the hair for decorative purposes. All hair-holding devices must be plain and of a color as close to the soldier's hair as is possible or clear. Authorized devices include, but are not limited to, small, plain scrunches (elastic hair bands covered with material), barrettes, combs, pins, clips, rubber bands, and hair bands. Devices that are conspicuous, excessive, or decorative are prohibited.

## **WEAR AND APPEARANCE OF THE UNIFORM**

**C.** The only exception is that hair that is long length hair, as defined in AR 670-1 may be worn in a ponytail during physical training. A single pony tail centered on the back of the head is authorized in physical fitness uniforms only when within the scope of physical training, except when considered a safety hazard. The pony tail is not required to be worn above the collar. When hair securing devices are worn, they will comply with the guidelines set in AR 670-1. Hairstyles otherwise authorized (such as braids and twists) may also be worn in a ponytail during physical training. When conducting physical training in utility uniforms pony tail are authorized using guidelines set forth in AR 670-1. However, if the helmet is worn during physical training, hair must be secured using guidelines in AR 670-1.

**D.** Paratroopers may wear electronic devices on the belt, belt loops, or waistband of the uniform so as not to present a bulky appearance or exposed when wearing the blouse. If the blouse is removed for any reason; electronic devices must be removed. If security cords or chains are attached to the device, Paratroopers will conceal the cord or chain from view. Paratroopers may use headphones, including wireless or non-wireless devices and earpieces, in uniform only while performing individual physical training in indoor gyms or fitness centers IAW Army Directive 2016-20. Paratroopers may not wear headphones beyond the permitted area in any manner, including around the neck or attached to the uniform. Headphones will be conservative and discreet. Ear pads will not exceed 1-1/2 inches in diameter at the widest point. Paratroopers may wear electronic devices, such as music players or cell phones, as prescribed in AR 670-1. They may also wear a solid black armband for electronic devices in the gym or fitness center. Paratroopers may not wear the armband beyond the permitted area. Other types of electronic devices are not authorized for wear on the uniform unless authorized by the commander i.e., medical devices.

**E.** If the performance of duties requires the use of other electronic devices i.e., radios, the Paratroopers will carry them in the approved and appropriate carrying pouches only. Utility uniform pockets are not considered authorized carrying pouches. Paratroopers may hand carry civilian gym bags, civilian rucksacks, or other similar civilian bags while in uniform. Paratroopers may wear backpacks as long as the color is black with no logos or it matches the pattern of the worn uniform. Paratroopers may not wear a bag slung across the front of their body. The contents of the bag may not be visible; therefore, see-through plastic or mesh bags are not authorized.

## WEAR AND APPEARANCE OF THE UNIFORM

### 2. ASU UNIFORM.

Paratroopers will wear highly shined jump boots (trousers bloused) with their ASUs. All authorized badges shall be worn on the ASU and when wearing the Service Class B uniform. Refer to AR 670-1 for groups and categories of badges to determine precedence.

### 3. IMPROVED PHYSICAL FITNESS UNIFORM/ ARMY PHYSICAL FITNESS UNIFORM

**(a)** The wear-out date for the IPFU is 30 SEP 17. While in this transition stage between the IPFU and APFU, Paratroopers are not authorized to mix the wear of APFU components with the IPFU components at the same time. This includes the fleece cap. The black fleece cap is the only authorized head gear for the APFU. The mandatory possession date for the APFU is 1 OCT 17. Battalion physical fitness shirts (long or short sleeve) and sweat shirts that **are voluntarily purchased** are authorized for wear when conducting physical fitness training as specified by the unit commander. Companies are allowed to design and wear their shirt as designated by BN CDR. When conducting physical fitness, the company will all wear the same shirt for uniformity. Battalion organizational shirt can be worn on the first and last day of the week or if the BN so desires to wear all week. No mixing of the Battalion organizational shirt and company organizational shirt with in a company/troop/battery. Paratroopers are required to maintain the right amount APFU authorized in the clothing bag initial issue.

**(b)** The adjustable “solid” yellow reflective belt will be worn around the waist in all Physical Fitness Uniform configurations except when wearing the APFU jacket or Organizational Sweatshirt, where it is worn across the body from right shoulder to left hip. When foot marching, the reflective belt will be routed around the rucksack or assault pack in such a manner so it’s clearly visible. When conducting foot marches, the Army Combat Uniform or Physical Fitness Uniform (IPFU), will be worn with boots (green or black socks), IBA/MOLLE, assault pack or ALICE Pack can be used for conditioning training. Towels, scarves, or other items worn around the neck are not authorized. For safety purposes, a light source (flashlights/chem lights) will be carried by Paratroopers in the front, (5 paces) and rear (5 paces) of the formation. A light source will be carried by the leaders of the formation when conducting foot marches, unit runs, or PT formations on roadways that are in active use.

**(c)** The IPFU is authorized for wear on and off duty, on the installation, when authorized by the commander. IAW EUCOM and USAREUR Directives, to include USAREUR TASKORD #15-011, military uniforms may not be worn off post unless traveling in an enclosed car directly to and from work with no stops in-between.

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**(d)** Paratroopers will wear the foliage green or black fleece cap, pulled down snugly on the head; Paratroopers will not roll the cap but can have one fold. There are no restrictions on the combination of IPFU items worn (seasonal), unless the commander has prescribed a particular combination for formation. When wearing the ACU as a physical training uniform to include foot marches, name tape, rank, U.S. Army and SSI will be worn. The only exception is when conducting combatives you are required to wear name tape, rank, and U.S. Army.



Black ankle socks are authorized. They will be worn IAW the same guideline as the white socks.



Figure 12-2 Athletic Socks



#### 4. PHYSICAL FITNESS STANDARDS/GYM

**(a)** Physical readiness is critical to the successful accomplishment of the 173<sup>rd</sup> IBCT (A) mission. Physical fitness hours are from 0630 to 0800 every duty day. Units/individuals plan personal issues, appointments, and training around this time. Leaders conduct PT with their respective formations; conducting Individual PT is only authorized for Majors, Battalion Command Teams, Brigade Command Team. Paratroopers conduct physical training a minimum of five times per week. The 173<sup>rd</sup> IBCT (A) goal is to run five miles in 40 minutes, pass each APFT event with a 70% or better, and to complete a 12-mile road march with rucksack (minimum of 35 lbs.) in 3 hours or less. The PT plan must start and finish with a PRT warm-up and cool down exercises. Drill and Ceremony, Battle Drill training, and Airborne training will be conducted at the end of the PT session. Other authorized Physical Training events are PT competitions, mini-triathlons, combatives, and cycling. PT hours may be extended beyond 0800 but should not begin prior to 0630 without the approval of the BN CDR. Units may institute sports programs after 0800 hours. Battalion Commanders can authorize sporting events during PT hours. However, the event must be pre-planned and briefed with Task Conditions, and Standards.

**(b) Gym:** When elements utilize the gym, it must be an approved PT training plan by the company commander. Wearing of devices such as IPODs and MP3 players are only authorized for use in the Gym. Adhere to the Army standard when wearing headphones. The swim uniform while conducting swimming for PT will be PT shorts for male Paratroopers and a one piece bathing suit with PT shorts for female Paratroopers.

**(c) Foot Marches/Runs:** All runs and foot marches will be conducted on authorized routes only. While off post, groups will be no smaller than a Fire Team and no larger than a Squad. While crossing streets, cross at crosswalks (if no crosswalks are present, cross at a 90-degree angle). Do not post road guards in heavily trafficked areas. Wait for a break in traffic, post the road guards, and move the element across the street. Units will offer the highest level of respect to their host nations while conducting physical fitness training within the community. In accordance with USAGV and USAGB off-post policy: do not conduct in groups larger than 10, do not stop to conduct static exercises, no litters, logs, medicine balls or similar equipment are authorized (ruck sacks and IBA are not acceptable for off post wear as per GARRISON POLICY LETTER 60-15. BN CDRs are the lowest level of authorization when conducting off post PT.

**(d)** Use road guard vests if available when conducting physical fitness training in formations of platoon-size or greater. Road guards are to use flashlights when running. Off-post runs/foot marches/PT will be conducted IAW currently applicable garrison Physical Training SOPs, and in coordination with the Garrison Commander.

**(e) Eyewear:** Protective eyewear (Smoke/Tinted/Clear) on the Army Protective Eyewear List (APEL) is approved for wear in any uniform. When worn in formation all lens shades must be uniform. Sunglasses are not authorized. Conservative civilian prescription clear eyeglasses are authorized for wear. Eyeglasses that are faddish in nature, or with logos or other adornments are not authorized for wear while on duty. Contact lenses that change the natural color of the eyes are prohibited while in the duty uniform. Contact lenses are not authorized in field conditions.

NOTE: Paratroopers who wear prescription glasses, may only wear ballistic inserts with approved eye protection when in a field environment and during tactical operations.

## 5. OUT OF UNIFORM APPEARANCE

In general, the professional atmosphere and high standards of appearance maintained by uniformed military personnel within the 173<sup>rd</sup> IBCT (A) should carry over into the selection of civilian attire. Wear of appropriate attire avoids public embarrassment and promotes a sense of community with the host country. It also assists in the orderly accomplishment of the installation's mission and fosters loyalty, discipline, and morale of troops. The following articles of civilian clothing and appearance are inappropriate for wear in service and off post facilities:

- a. Clothing worn as an outer-garment, which is obviously intended to be worn as an undergarment. This does not include T-shirts.
- b. Civilian trousers will not be loosely worn so that the undergarment is exposed.
- c. Clothing with obscene, slanderous, or vulgar words or drawings will not be worn.
- d. Clothing which makes disparaging comments concerning the U.S. Government will not be worn.
- e. Male Paratroopers will be clean shaven at all times **on a military installation**. On and off duty and when on leave. No exceptions!
- f. Articles of apparel, which include, but are not limited to T-shirts or hats which depict drugs or drug paraphernalia, or which advocate the use of drugs will not be worn.
- g. No tank top or muscle shirts in any on post DFAC or Food Court.

The Shoppette, Commissary, PX, Theater, Mail Room, Food Court, Library, and the Gym are not an extensions of your room or home. You will not wear slippers, pajama type pants, excessively baggy shorts, or sexually suggestive clothing/shorts to these establishments at any time.

## 6. OFFICIAL TRAVEL ATTIRE

Official travel attire pertains anytime on official military travel, regardless of mode of transportation, distance, or purpose. Travel attire will be clean, neat, and present a professional appearance. Authorized items for wear include but are not limited to: dress pants, knee length shorts, slacks, dresses, skirts – mid length, a nice pair of jeans (with no holes of any kind nor two-color or faded jeans), and a collared shirt, for example: polo shirt or a short-or long-sleeve dress shirt. Both styles of shirts will be worn buttoned up with a dress belt, the tucking in your shirt is optional. Dress shoes or a pair of shoes or boots with a similar style of dress (no flip flops, and open or closed sandals of any type).

## **7. MILITARY COURTESY**

Courtesy is respect for and consideration of others in the Army. The various forms of courtesy have become customs and traditions. It is important to render these courtesies correctly.

Paratroopers will salute in garrison and field environments, unless instructed otherwise. Saluting and exchanging greetings while in civilian clothes is encouraged when on military installations. The exchange of a salute is a visible sign of good discipline, mutual respect, unit pride, and esprit de corps. Paratroopers who recognize an officer or senior officer while in the Army PT uniform will salute and render the appropriate response, as outlined below:

Each salute should be rendered with a greeting and response. The 173<sup>rd</sup> IBCT (A) greeting is, "SKY SOLDIERS, Sir or Ma'am!" The response from the officer will be "AIRBORNE!" When approaching an NCO, the appropriate greeting of the day is "SKY SOLDIERS, SGT!" The response from the NCO will be "AIRBORNE!"

Salute all standards and flags for senior officers displayed on military vehicles IAW AR 600-25. When you recognize an officer in a vehicle, you should salute. The operator of a vehicle or bicycle is not required to salute.

When a unit company/troop/battery or battalion or brigade or command sergeant major enters a building, the appropriate courtesy is given. This courtesy also applies to visiting dignitaries or senior leaders outside of the organization IAW AR 600-25. Attention for officers and at ease for CSM/SGM. When in the DFAC, the common courtesy is at ease for both LTC/CSM,SGM or higher.

## **8. ALCOHOL POLICY**

DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE! Know and use the designated driver rule. Groups of Paratroopers will designate a driver who will not drink. Use public transportation such as taxis and buses. Commanders have the responsibility to monitor the use of alcohol by their Paratroopers and have the authority to withdraw the privilege of having alcohol when it is detrimental to readiness, morale, or welfare of unit personnel.

## **9. ON AND OFF-DUTY CONDUCT**

You are a professional 24-hours a day and sworn to uphold the Constitution of the United States and you serve the American people. They have a right to expect that you will carry out your duties and conduct yourself properly on and off duty. There are civil laws that pertain to all citizens of America and a Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) between our Nation and our Host Nations. You are obligated to abide by these laws.

## 10. SAFETY

**(A) Safety.** Paratroopers must ensure that everything they do is done safely. Safety is an individual as well as a leader responsibility; every Trooper in our Brigade is a “Safety Officer/NCO.” Everyone, from the Brigade Commander down, must take an active role in the identification and prevention of accidents. Nothing we do in training is worth the life or limb of one of our Troopers. This section addresses policies and measures you may take to help protect the force. If you need additional information, have suggestions, or wish to report a safety violation, contact our BCT Safety Manager in Building 173 Del Din, 3<sup>th</sup> Floor.

**(B) Risk Management.** The OPTEMPO and the daily training of Paratroopers assigned to the 173<sup>rd</sup> IBCT (A) bring with them inherent hazards. Paratroopers must practice risk management during their daily activities on and off duty in order to protect our force. Risk Management is a five-step process that is used to identify hazards and take measures to lessen the risk to Troopers. Risk Management will be IAW ATTP 5-19.

**(C) Alcohol Use.** During ACRF and CARF, you are considered under the influence or drunk on duty when your BAC is .03 or higher. Do NOT arrive to duty drunk!

## 11. MILITARY VEHICLE STANDARDS

At no time, will Paratroopers operate a military vehicle if not properly dispatched. All operators must have a current, valid permit (i.e., SF 46 or OF 346) covering the vehicle being operated. Do not dispatch or allow dispatching of any vehicle unless both dispatch and driver's permit are proper and cover the vehicle being dispatched. Wear all required restraining devices (lap belts and shoulder belts when so equipped) when riding in any vehicle on or off post.

**Tactical Vehicles.** TC/VC's are required for all tactical vehicles. Extra precautions must be taken when operating in or around tactical vehicles. Only licensed drivers are authorized to operate these vehicles. Vehicle operators must ensure they follow all technical standards for the safe operation of the vehicle. All vehicles have a current dispatch, current 5988E and all required safety equipment IAW the vehicle's TM.

(1) Vehicle ground guides are required in the following situations:

(a) When vehicles enter congested, confined, or bivouac areas.

(b) Before an Army Motor Vehicle AMV/Army Combat Vehicle (ACV) is moved in an assembly or bivouac area.

(c) During movement within or through motor pools and assembly areas. AMV/ACV's require two ground guides, front and rear if the vehicle is going in reverse. Guides must be able to see each other, be visible to the driver, and be **located 10 meters in front of and off to the side of the driver (not in the vehicle's path)**. If the driver loses sight of the ground guide, they will stop the vehicle until line of sight is regained.

(d) When traveling cross-country during periods of reduced visibility (extreme ground fog, snowstorms, dust/sand storms, etc.).

(2) Leaders and TC will ensure:

(a) All personnel in a seat with an approved seat belt are required to wear seat belt.

(b) Gunners will utilize the Gunner Restraint System and Troop straps are utilized by personnel riding in the back of authorized Troop carriers.

(c) No one rides on top of vehicles.

(d) Troopers wear eye protection in vehicles without windshields, in gunner's turrets or when riding in the cargo area of a vehicle. Any Paratrooper riding in a military vehicles will wear eye protection and gloves.

(e) Crews rehearse roll over drills.

(f) Operators strictly adhere to speed limits for the type of vehicle.

NOTE:

- The speed limit will be observed unless a lower speed limit is posted.
- Slow-Down speed NOT Catch-up speed.
- **The TC will be in the rank of CPL and higher, officers are include – NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- The driver and the TC are responsible for the safety of the personnel riding on their vehicle. Drivers and TCs will refuse to move the vehicle if anyone is in an unsafe position or if the vehicle has too many passengers.
- Passengers who are not crewmembers, but are carried in the vehicle's cab are limited to available seat belt positions.

## 12. POV STANDARDS.

To operate a motor vehicle on post you are required to have a valid driver's license (USAREUR or SETAF) and vehicle registration. Vehicle registration is mandatory. Your ID card, a valid driver's license, vehicle registration, current vehicle inspection, and minimum vehicle insurance are required for registration. Playing of loud music that can be heard outside a POV, at a distance of 15 feet while driving or stationary is prohibited.

## 13. MOTORCYCLE STANDARDS

In order to operate a motorcycle, the rider must have a valid, stateside motorcycle license in order to obtain a USAREUR/SETAF motorcycle license. When either a driver or passenger of any motorcycle, on or off duty, on or off post, wear the following equipment: approved Department of Transportation (DOT)/EU E3 helmets; shatter proof eye protection; gloves; long legged pants; long sleeve shirt or jacket; and leather boots of at least mid-calf length.



## 14. BICYCLES

**(A)** All bicyclists, will wear an authorized reflective belt/vest while operating their two-wheel vehicles on post and off post. The reflective gear must allow maximum visibility to other vehicle operators. The reflective gear will be worn as an outer garment and will not be covered by any other article of clothing. Riders will ride with the traffic and obey traffic signs and laws.

**(B)** All bicyclists will also wear an approved bicycle helmet while riding. An approved helmet is defined as one that meets or exceeds the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) or Snell Memorial Foundation Standards for bicycle helmets.

**(C)** All bicycles ridden during hours of limited visibility must have and use an operable and visible headlight, side reflectors, and tail light.

(a) Troopers will not wear headphones while riding bicycles.

(b) Troopers riding bicycles must use proper hand and arm signals.

(c) Troopers riding bicycles are held to the same traffic laws as motor vehicles.

## 15. IDENTIFICATION CARD STANDARD

In accordance with AR 600-8-14, all Paratroopers will carry their identification cards (or Common Access Cards) at all times. The ID card will be surrendered **ONLY** when a military authority requires it for identification, investigation, when in confinement, or when required by the Status of Forces Agreement. The ID card will never be utilized off post for activities such as running bar tabs, securing hotel rooms, etc. If an ID card is lost or stolen, it will immediately be reported to the Chain of Command and the Department of Emergency Services (Provost Marshall's Office). Supervisors will take the appropriate action in order to ensure that this does not reoccur.

## 16. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

It is every Paratrooper's responsibility to foster an atmosphere of respect and promote conduct based on the Army Values and ethics as well as the principles of fairness and mutual respect. Conduct contrary to these principles undermines readiness, endangers the accomplishment of the Brigade's mission and destroys cohesion. It will not be tolerated. The EO Program formulates, directs, and sustains a comprehensive effort to maximize human potential and to ensure fair treatment for all persons based solely on merit, fitness, and capability in support of readiness. The U.S. Army will provide Equal Opportunity for all military personnel and Family members without regard of **race, color, national origin, religion, sex, or sexual orientation** and provide an environment free of unlawful discrimination & offensive behavior.

ARMY DIRECTIVE 2015-39, INCLUSION OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION IN THE MILITARY EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM, 14 OCT 15. This directive provides guidance and implementing procedures for addressing unlawful discrimination and promoting equal opportunity, diversity and inclusion. Soldiers may seek redress through the Army Military Equal Opportunity (MEO) Program in cases of harassment and unlawful discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex or sexual orientation. <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-231298>.

## 17. SEXUAL HARASSMENT/ SEXUAL ASSAULT

All Paratroopers have the right to be treated fairly without regard to their sex, race, religion, gender, or ethnic background. This includes not being sexually harassed. A Paratrooper or civilian employee engages in sexual harassment when – through behavior of a sexual nature – attempts to control, influence or affect the career, pay or job of a Paratrooper or civilian employee; makes deliberate or repeated verbal comments or gestures of a sexual nature that are offensive to the person to whom addressed or physical contact of a sexual nature is engaging in sexual harassment. Some points to consider:

Sexual assault is a crime defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, physical threat or abuse of authority or when the victim does not or cannot consent. Sexual assault includes rape, nonconsensual sodomy (oral or anal sex), indecent assault (unwanted, inappropriate sexual contact or fondling), or attempts to commit these acts. Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender or spousal relationship or age of victim. “Consent” will not be deemed or construed to mean the failure by the victim to offer physical resistance. Consent is not given when a person uses force, threat of force, or coercion or when the victim is asleep, incapacitated, or unconscious.

Sexual harassment and sexual assault is unauthorized and is illegal and punishable under UCMJ. Anyone can be a perpetrator; anyone can be a victim. It can happen anywhere, not just in the workplace. Don’t use obscene or dirty language, gestures or cadence calls. Treat people the way you want to be treated. If you think it’s wrong, it probably is. Report any violations suspected or perceived to the chain of command. Intervene to safeguard all Paratroopers and foster trust and a safe environment.

Paratroopers who feel they are the victims of sexual harassment are encouraged to pursue either formal or informal reporting procedures. Sexual assault are encouraged to pursue either restricted or unrestricted reporting procedures. DOD Safe Help Line 877-995-5247 or Base Hotline 0444-71-7272. Reference AR 600-20 for any clarification.

## 18. HAZING, ABUSE, AND UNPROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

This policy applies to all units assigned or attached to the 173<sup>rd</sup> IBCT (A).

As the premier component of the best Army in the world, the 173<sup>rd</sup> IBCT (A) is entrusted with the country’s most critical and sensitive missions. This responsibility demands that each member of the Brigade performs to the best of his or her ability. Commanders, noncommissioned officers, and leaders at all levels are responsible for establishing a command climate that ensures our Paratroopers are able to reach their full potential.

Adherence to professional Army ethics and its supporting individual values creates an environment conducive to personal and professional growth. Any activity that subjects a Paratrooper to degradation or results in **Paratrooper abuse will not be tolerated**. Examples of unacceptable activities include: the slapping or pounding of any award, decoration, or badge; events such as “blood wings” or “blood stripe” ceremonies; “cherry” jumper initiations; improperly conducted prop blasts; and hazing of any other type. Regardless of the intent behind such activities, they are ultimately destructive to unit cohesion and contrary to our good order and discipline.

Properly conducted ceremonies recognizing dedication and achievement significantly contribute to morale and esprit de corps. Commanders will ensure that all activities within their units recognize this fact and reflect Army ethics and values. Our Paratroopers will be treated with respect and fairness at all times. They deserve nothing less than the best we can offer them.

## **19. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR THE CQ AND SDNCO**

Each battalion and company has established SOPs, the following is the minimum:

The NCO on duty will be held accountable for all incidents that occur during their tour of duty. They will remain alert, diligent, and active during the entire tour of duty. All company CQs will be in the rank of Corporal or above. All battalion SDNCOs will be in the rank of Staff Sergeant and brigade SDNCOs will be Sergeant First Class, no exceptions.

(a) There will be no televisions, radios, or electronic game devices of any kind at the CQ/SDNCO desk. Paratroopers and NCOs are not allowed to sleep at any time while performing CQ or SD duties.

(b) The CQ/SDNCO will not leave the unit area for any reason during their tour of duty. The CQ/SDNCO are allowed no more than 30 minutes to consume meals. All meals will be consumed at the CQ/SDNCO desk/unit area or in the unit DFAC.

(c) A Paratrooper/NCO will receive a compensatory day to recover after 24 hours of duty. They get this compensation because the duty is meant to be hard work.

(d) No Paratrooper will conduct CQ/SD within the first 30 days of being assigned to the unit, no exceptions.

## **20. SINGLE ENLISTED PARATROOPER QUARTERS POLICY**

a. Barracks and their associated areas are primarily to facilitate our military mission. The barracks provide secure, comfortable living quarters for single Paratroopers so they may rest, relax, and enjoy a degree of privacy thus preparing themselves mentally, spiritually, and physically for future missions.

b. Leader's Responsibility. Commanders, assisted by the chain of command, are responsible for the readiness, welfare, morale, discipline, and good order of their units, including the barracks. We in the 173<sup>rd</sup> IBCT (A) are interested in maintaining the highest standards possible.

c. The Four Pillars of Standards. The four "pillars" of standards for the barracks are derived from the fundamental principle that behavior and situations that are detrimental to the discipline and good order of a unit must be eliminated.

(1) Clean: All common areas and individual rooms will be neat and clean.

## (2) Secure:

(a) Internal: All rooms will have functional locks, doors, windows, and wall lockers.

(b) External: The barracks will be protected from intruders and unauthorized visitors.

(3) Functional: Barracks lighting, heating, and cooling systems, latrines, washers, dryers, refrigerators, microwaves, and other major appliances will be functional.

(4) Safe: Safety will be continually monitored. Hazardous conditions, materials, and situations will be corrected or reported immediately.

d. Privacy. There is NO perfect privacy in the Army. In the barracks, leaders will respect a Paratrooper's privacy to the extent appropriate. The intent is to provide privacy consistent with maintaining discipline and good order.

### e. Specific Policies:

(1) Alcohol. The intent is to education oriented towards de-glamorization of alcohol and emphasis on health and safety risks will be continued. Commanders may restrict Paratroopers from possessing alcohol in the barracks based on alcohol or drug-related incidents, or if a Paratrooper demonstrates a pattern of irresponsible behavior. When a Paratrooper's privilege to possess alcohol in the barracks is restricted, the unit chain of command will counsel that Paratrooper in writing. Brigade and battalion commanders may restrict amounts and type consistent with unit requirements and common sense (e.g., no alcohol during recalls, lock-downs, or other unique times consumption is inappropriate).

(a) Consumption of alcohol while on duty is prohibited

(b) Paratroopers that are 18 and older are authorized to possess no more than one bottle of hard liquor, one bottle of wine, and one 12-pack of beer in their rooms.

(2) Checks of Barracks. The normal context of checks may be more limited than an inspection (e.g., "check of air conditioning filters in place"). This is not different from an inspection – it's the chain of command exercising its responsibility.

(3) Cohabitation. Although visitors are allowed, they are not permitted to spend the night, live in the barracks, or abuse the visitation privileges. This includes use of barracks facilities intended for Paratroopers. Paratroopers residing in the barracks may have visitors of either sex in their rooms from 1700 until 2200 Monday through Thursday, Friday 1700 until 2400 and from 1200 until 2400 on weekends and holidays. Sunday from 1200 until 2200. The times established as a reasonable time to end visitation so that all Paratroopers can receive a full night's rest. In no case will visitors spend the night; barracks are not motels. Cohabitation is strictly forbidden. Must sign the guest in at the gates. Visitation is a privilege – not a right.

(4) Command Presence. All units will establish and maintain a presence of command during off duty, weekends, and holidays before and after midnight. The purpose is to know what goes on and to fix problems, situations, or individuals and to "know" your Paratroopers.

## **SINGLE ENLISTED PARATROOPER QUARTERS POLICY continued:**

- (5) Contraband. Paratroopers may not have contraband in the barracks or in their privately owned vehicles (POVs) anywhere on post. Examples include illegal drugs, privately owned weapons, pyrotechnics, numchucks, and other items designated by the Commanding Officer.
- (6) CQs. CQs are mandatory in all units. Brigade and Battalion Commanders may establish CQs for specific purposes and periods at their own discretion.
- (7) Flags/Banners. Properly displayed flags of the Nation, States, and US territories and possessions are permitted. Appropriate regulations as to display, dignity, and respect with regard to the flag of the United States of America will be followed. Brigade Commander and Battalion Commanders will address other foreign flags with exception to the flag/banner policy – example: an official exchange Paratrooper from a foreign army.
- (8) Formal Inspections. These are normally “stand-by” type of formations that are unit oriented. Example: payday procedures, Command Inspection Program. They may involve layouts, corrective actions or remedial procedures as a part of the program. All inspections or checks should include a corrective or follow-up plan and feedback to the Paratroopers. All units will have a routine that includes periodic formal inspections.
- (9) Health and Welfare Inspections. These are scheduled inspections geared to root out contraband, illegal substances, and other deficiencies and hazardous materials. The use of Military Working Dogs or other technical means may be utilized in addition to the eyes and ears of the chain of command.
- (10) Inspections. Rooms and common areas will be inspected to ensure standards of cleanliness, security, functionality, and safety are met. Normally this is performed daily by the chain of command. This does not have to be approved by any designated rank or be on the training schedule. Units may want to put this in an SOP to provide further clarity.
- (11) Occupancy. The goal is no more than 2 per standard (2 person) room. NCOs may be one per room.
- (12) Personal Property. Stereos, phones, refrigerators, microwaves, civilian furniture, and bedding are permitted. Units will set standards for use.
- (13) Pets. No pets of any type are authorized. This includes reptiles and fish.
- (14) Plants. No large floor plants or those that would stain or damage the room are authorized. Commanders may establish a “No Plant” policy if plants and their maintenance is inconsistent with their operational needs and OPTEMPO/OPCYCLE.
- (15) Posters, Wall Displays, Screen Savers. Nothing may be displayed that is in “bad taste” and could be construed as offensive to any other Paratrooper in the unit based on race, gender, religion, national origin, or creed. Commanders will determine what is offensive, tears down unit cohesion, or is prejudicial to good order and discipline in their unit. Examples of offensive and inappropriate displays are:



## **SINGLE ENLISTED PARATROOPER QUARTERS POLICY continued:**

- (a) Nudity.
- (b) Glorification of drugs and Alcohol.
- (c) Racist, extremist, or violent gangs.
- (d) Extremely cruel, inhumane, or otherwise incompatible with normal unit cohesion.

(16) Prohibited Items. Contraband and any number of a broader variety of items may be prohibited by commanders. Subordinate commanders may prohibit other items in their unit areas as necessary to ensure safety, preserve unit cohesion, and maintain good order and discipline. Examples include unsafe items such as flammables, and divisive items such as openly displayed racist signs, symbols, and/or literature, which have been determined by the unit commander to be prejudicial to good order and discipline.

(17) Room Arrangements. There are no standard arrangements. Units will prohibit unsafe and bizarre arrangements.

(18) Room Paint. Repainting rooms must be of original color as specified.

(19) Safety. Units will establish a safety program IAW current directives.

(20) Smoking. Smoking is permitted only in designated smoking areas and is not permitted in barracks or buildings of any kind (IAW DoD Directives).

(21) Visitations. Paratroopers residing in the barracks may have visitors of either sex in their rooms as previously outlined. Cohabitation is strictly forbidden. CQs will check visitors ID and sign the visitor in using a separate visitor log.

(a) Visitations are suspended during EDREs, call outs, or when the commander determines that it impacts adversely upon mission readiness.

(b) Visitation is a privilege. Commanders may revoke this privilege if abused.

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## BRIGADE COMMANDERS

### Commanders

*COL GREGORY K. ANDERSON*

*COL MICHAEL L. FOSTER*

*COL ANDREW D. ROHLING*

*COL JAMES H. JOHNSON III*

*COL CHARLES A. PREYSLER*

*COL KEVIN C. OWENS*

*COL WILLIAM C. MAYVILLE*

*COL JAMES C. YARBROUGH*

*BG JACK MacFARLANE*

*BG ELMER R. OCHS*

*BG HUBERT S. CUNNINGHAM*

*BG JOHN W. BARNES*

*BG RICHARD J. ALLEN*

*BG LEO H. SCHWEITER*

*BG JOHN R. DEAN JR*

*BG PAUL F. SMITH*

*BG ELLIS WILLIAMSON*

### Period of Service

*JUL 2015 - CURRENT*

*JUL 2013 – JUL 2015*

*AUG 2011- JUN 2013*

*OCT 2008 – FEB 2011*

*JUN 2006 – OCT 2008*

*JUN 2004 – JUN 2006*

*JUN 2002 – JUN 2004*

*FEB 2000 – JUN 2002*

### ***COLORS RETIRED 1972***

*JAN 1971 – JAN 1972*

*AUG 1970 – JAN 1971*

*AUG 1967 – AUG 1970*

*DEC 1968 – AUG 1969*

*MAR 1968 – DEC 1968*

*SEP 1967 – MAR 1968*

*DEC 1966 – SEP 1967*

*FEB 1966 – DEC 1966*

*JAN 1963 – FEB 1966*

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## BRIGADE COMMAND SERGEANTS MAJOR

### Command Sergeants Major

### Period of Service

<i>CSM FRANKLIN VELEZ</i>	<i>APR 2016 - CURRENT</i>
<i>CSM RICHARD R. CLARK</i>	<i>FEB 2014 – APR 2016</i>
<i>CSM MICHAEL A. FERRUSI</i>	<i>OCT 2013 – FEB 2014</i>
<i>CSM SAMUEL D. COSTON</i>	<i>JAN 2012 – SEP 2013</i>
<i>CSM NICHOLAS A. ROLLING</i>	<i>OCT 2008 – JAN 2012</i>
<i>CSM ISAIA VIMOTO</i>	<i>JAN 2007 – OCT 2008</i>
<i>CSM ARTHUR J. MCCANN III</i>	<i>SEP 2004 – DEC 2006</i>
<i>CSM EARL L. RICE</i>	<i>JUN 2004 – SEP 2004</i>
<i>CSM WILLIAM W. GUNTER</i>	<i>JUN 2002 – MAY 2004</i>
<i>CSM LAWERENCE A. KILGORE</i>	<i>JUN 2000 – JUN 2002</i>
<i>SGM THERON V. GERGEN</i>	<i>AUG 1971 – JAN 1972</i>
<i>SGM ACY ACKRIDGE</i>	<i>MAY 1971 – AUG 1971</i>
<i>CSM JOHN F. LAVOIE</i>	<i>APR 1970 – APR 1971</i>
<i>SGM HARMON HODGE</i>	<i>NOV 1968 – APR 1970</i>
<i>SGM RICHARD GILLIAM</i>	<i>APR 1969 – OCT 1969</i>
<i>SGM JOHN BITTORIE</i>	<i>APR 1968 – MAR 1969</i>
<i>SGM VINCENT D. ROEGIERS</i>	<i>APR 1967 – AUG 1967</i>
<i>SGM JOHN SCHMITTLE</i>	<i>FEB 1967 – MAR 1967</i>
<i>SGM ROBERT A. MYRSECK</i>	<i>JUN 1966 – JAN 1967</i>
<i>SGM CHARLES H. FLETCHER</i>	<i>JUL 1965 – MAY 1966</i>
<i>SGM A.B. CANNON</i>	<i>JUN 1964 – JUN 1965</i>
<i>SGM VINCENT D. ROEGIERS</i>	<i>APR 1964 – JUN 1964</i>
<i>SGM MICKEY FINN</i>	<i>JUN 1963 – APR 1964</i>

## 173<sup>RD</sup> IBCT (A) SONG

Have you heard, of the hundred-seventy-third, Air-borne-Brigade

Have you heard, of the hundred-seventy-third, Air-borne-Brigade

How they jumped on the enemy like a falcon from the blue

A more gallant fighting soldier America never knew

Have you heard, of the hundred-seventy-third, Air-borne-Brigade

They fought fearlessly hand to hand in the Central Highlands

How their blood has stained the sands in the hills of Vietnam

Have you heard, of the hundred-seventy-third, Air-borne-Brigade

How with their rifles cradled they descended from the Sky

As their ripcord snapped their parachute they screamed their battle cry

Have you heard, of the hundred-seventy-third, Air-borne-Brigade

How they won a gallant victory on hill eight seven five

How they learned the price of freedom for 280 died

Have you heard, of the hundred-seventy-third, Air-borne-Brigade

Now you heard, of the hundred-seventy-third, Air-borne-Brigade

# THE ARMY SONG

Verse:

March along, sing our song, with the Army of the free.  
Count the brave, count the true, who have fought to victory.  
We're the Army and proud of our name!  
We're the Army and proudly proclaim:

Chorus:

First to fight for the right,  
And to build the Nation's might,  
And The Army Goes Rolling Along.  
Proud of all we have done,  
Fighting till the battle's won,  
And the Army Goes Rolling Along.

Refrain:

Then it's hi! hi! hey!  
The Army's on its way.  
Count off the cadence loud and strong;  
For where'er we go,  
You will always know That  
The Army Goes Rolling  
Along.

Appendix F



# SKY SOLDIERS

173RD INFANTRY BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM (AIRBORNE)

BUILDS STRONG  
TEAMS

EMPOWERS  
TEAMS

PROMOTES  
SECURITY

DEVELOPES  
LEADERS

MENTALLY AND  
PHYSICALLY  
FIT

SKY SOLDIERS  
ARE STANDARD  
BEARERS

